

HOUSE RESOLUTION 76
By Scroggs

A RESOLUTION to honor Dr. Ken Story on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, once in a great while, there comes along a person, who through his capacity for love, dedicates himself to touching and shaping lives, thereby helping to build a better and brighter world; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ken Story is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 32 years as the pastor of Germantown Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Story exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, born in Paducah, Kentucky, Dr. Story made his decision to be a pastor at age 15 and was licensed by Oaklawn Baptist Church. At age 19 he began his first pastorate and was ordained by the Oaklawn Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Story attended Union University where he received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1959. He earned both his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, he served as a pastor in churches in Tennessee and Louisiana before coming to Germantown Baptist in 1964; and

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WHEREAS, throughout the years that Dr. Story has been there, the church has consistently demonstrated a warm compassion for people, an eagerness to work for the Lord, a sacrificial spirit and a willingness to be innovative; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Story's ministry at Germantown Baptist Church could easily be measured by the outstanding growth of the church; when he began pastoring the church, the congregation numbered 292 and today there are more than 6,000 members; and

WHEREAS, the church has had six building projects to accommodate the growth. That growth ultimately required the congregation to leave its location of more than 150 years and move to a new, 64-acre campus; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Story is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, serving as President of the Germantown Minister's Association, Chaplain of the City of Germantown, a member of Germantown's 2004 Committee, an auxillary probation officer for the Shelby County Juvenile Court, an officer in the Parent Teacher Association, a member of the advisory board at the Genesis Treatment Center and the Shelby County Adolescent Pregnancy Council; and

WHEREAS, despite the many demands placed upon him, Dr. Story has served his denomination, the Southern Baptist Convention, with industry and perspicacity as a past president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, as a member of the Credentials Committee, as moderator of the Shelby Baptist Association, and as president of the Pastors' Conference; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Story also takes time from a very busy schedule to enjoy his hobbies of fishing, motorcycles and golf; and

WHEREAS, his many successes aside, Dr. Story is most appreciative of the love and support he shares with his wife, Elizabeth Maxwell Story, their three married sons, and three grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Story's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Dr. Ken Story our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.